

Appl. No.: 09/931,670
Response dated August 17, 2004
Reply to Office action of May 18, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, and the remarks which follow.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the double patenting rejection in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims.

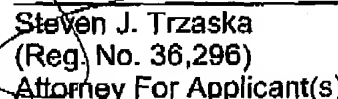
Claims 11 and 20 have been amended in order to delete the non-elected subject matter.

It is believed that the foregoing reply is completely responsive under 37 CFR 1.111 and that all grounds for rejection are completely avoided and/or overcome. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly requested.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if any further questions remain which can be resolved by a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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